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1. MOST OF QUESTIONS PUT TO CIA DIRECTOR GEORGE BUSH, WHO APPEARED ON "ABC NEWS' ISSUES AND ANSWERS" PROGRAM ON SEPTEMBER 19 DEALT WITH AFRICA, CIA OPERATIONS AND POLICY ROLE. JOHN SCALI AND BOB CLARK DID INTERVIEW. VERBATIM TRANSCRIPT OF PORTION RELEVANT TO MIG-25 FOLLOWS:

QUESTION(MR. SCALI) MR. BUSH, IF I COULD GO TO A SPECIFIC QUESTION IN THE VERY FEW SECONDS WE HAVE LEFT, A SOVIET FLIER WAS KIND ENOUGH TO FLY AN ADVANCED MODEL MIG 25 FOXBAT TO TOKYO AND OUR PEOPLE, ALONG WITH OTHERS, HAVE TAKEN A LOOK AT IT. IS THIS THE INTELLIGENCE
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BONANZA IT HAS BEEN PICTURED TO BE?

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MR. BUSH. THIS COULD BE A MAJOR INTELLIGENCE BONANZA FOR THE FREE WORLD.

QUESTION (MR. SCALI) COULD YOU TELL US WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED IN THE WAY OF SECRETS --

MR. BUSH. NO, I COULDN'T TELL YOU WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED YET. I EXPECT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO READ THAT IN AVIATION WEEK VERY SOON, BUT I CAN JUST TELL YOU THAT IT COULD BE AND PROBABLY IS A MAJOR INTELLIGENCE BONANZA FOR JAPAN, FOR NATO, WHO EVENTUALLY MAY BE ABLE TO SHARE IN THE PRODUCT, AND CERTAINLY FOR THE UNITED STATES.

QUESTION (MR. SCALI) DID HE COME OVER OF HIS OWN FREE WILL OR DID YOUR AGENCY SOMEHOW MANEUVER THIS?

MR. BUSH. HE CAME OVER OF HIS OWN FREE WILL.

MR. CLARK. THE RUSSIAN PILOT, OF COURSE, IS IN THE UNITED STATES AT THE MOMENT. IS HE IN THE PROCESS OF BEING DEBRIEFED BY THE CIA?

MR. BUSH. HE IS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING DEBRIEFED PERIOD.

MR. CLARK. HOW LONG WOULD YOU EXPECT THAT TO CONTINUE?

MR. BUSH. IT WILL TAKE A LONG TIME. IT IS GOING WELL.

MR. CLARK. I AM SORRY, WE ARE NOW OUT OF TIME. THANK YOU FOR BEING OUR GUEST ON ISSUES AND ANSWERS. ROBINSON

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